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Appln. No: 10/736,078  
Applicant: TAO et al  
Filed: December 15, 2003  
Title: IMAGEABLE ELEMENT COMPRISING SULFATED POLYMERS  
TC/A.U.: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (RP) submitted herewith. Copies of each of the listed references, excluding the U.S. references, are also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

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The Examiner's attention is called to the following co-pending applications:

- 1) "On-press developable IR sensitive printing plates containing an onium salt initiator system," Serial Number 10/436,506, filed May 12, 2003, pending in Group Art Unit 1752, Examiner unknown.
- 2) "Sulfated phenolic resins and printing plate precursors comprising sulfated phenolic resins," Serial Number 10/615,358, filed July 8, 2003, pending in Group Art Unit 1752, Examiner unknown.

3) "Infrared absorbing N-Alkylsulfate cyanine compounds," Serial Number 10/736,364, filed December 15, 2003, Group Art Unit unknown, Examiner unknown.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application. No first Official Action has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. No fee or statement is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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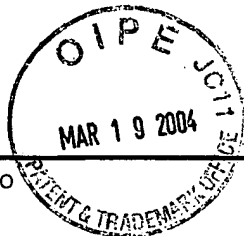
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